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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

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LOUISIANA ETHICS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM P.O. Box 4368 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Louisiana Board of Ethics,

The New Orleans and Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission would like to request an advisory opinion regarding secondary employment for one of our Building Inspectors.

Gabrielle LeBlanc was hired as an HDLC Building Inspector last month. As part of her onboarding, she requested and received permission from the City of New Orleans Chief Administrative Officer, Gilbert Montaño, to continue her employment as a private home inspector for Axelrad & Associates.

The goal of a private home inspector is to identify any and all issues with a property so that the prospective homebuyer is aware of all issues related to a property. The goal of an HDLC Inspector is to identify any and all items on the exterior of a property located in a local historic district that do not conform to the HDLC Design Guidelines. Therefore, since the goals of both positions are to uncover and identify issues, it was determined that there would be no conflict of interest.

Ms. LeBlanc has been assigned 8 local historic districts in which to perform inspections. We have required that she not perform any private home inspections in those districts to make sure that no inappropriate situations arise.

Due to continuing concerns by fellow building inspectors regarding the potential for a conflict of interest, we are seeking an Advisory Opinion on the Matter. Please feel free to contact me at 658-7041 or esburke@nola.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Burke Deputy Director

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